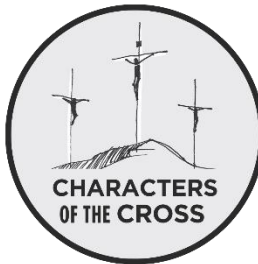


SON OF THE FATHER

Mark 15:1-15

- Like Barabbas, we were on spiritual DEATH row, rightly CONDEMNED before a holy God.
- Like Barabbas, Jesus became our SUBSTITUTE, bearing our PENALTY for our sins.
- Like Barabbas, while we were still SINNERS, Jesus loved us.
- Like Barabbas, the only thing we bring to our salvation is our SIN and condemnation.



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Further Up, Further In

1. Read Mark 15:1-15. Do you think it's right to equate our situation outside of Christ to being on death row? Why or why not? (see Rom 1:18, 21-23; 3:10-18)
2. What is the meaning of Barabbas' name, and how is this significant? (see Matthew 27:20-21)
3. How do we see penal substitutionary atonement in the picture of Barabbas? (see Isa 53:5-6; 1 Pet 2:24; 2 Cor 5:21; Rom 4:22-25)
4. Who set Barabbas free? Read Acts 2:22-23 and Acts 4:27-28. How does this impact our understanding of the story of Barabbas?
5. Read Romans 5:6-10. What words are used to describe us? Do these seem accurate? How is God's love towards us shown?
6. Do you ever struggle with feeling that God is disappointed in you? How does Romans 5:6-10 address this?
7. How is Barabbas a picture of grace? (see Romans 3:23-24; 11:6). Is grace unfair?
8. How do we continue to live by grace after initially receiving Christ? (see Galatians 1:6, 2:20, 3:3, 5:1-6)
9. How did the story of Barabbas help you see the gospel more clearly in your own life?

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